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IN RE APPLICATION OF

SHARMA ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/519,042

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FOR: PEPTIDE INHIBITORS OF SMAC PROTEIN BINDING TO
INHIBITOR OF APOPTOSIS PROTEINS (IAP)

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the outstanding office action dated August 16, 2006, a response to which is due February 16, 2007 with the request for extension of time of three months filed herewith, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.